Fair Price Shops in Gujarat

754. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fair price shops have been opened in many States;

(b) if so, what is the number of such shops opened in Gujarat and what are the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the number of fair price shops is not in accordance to the proportion of the population; and

(d) what are the rules and criteria for the opening of fair price shops?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The strengthening and streamlinging of Public Distribution System (PDS) is a continual process, and State Governments/U.T. Administrations permit opening of new fair price shops as and when onside red necessary.

(b) According to information received from Govt. of Gujarat, 12847 Fair Price Shops have been opened in the State till date. A statement showing he district-wise greak-up of fair price shops in Gujarat is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Gujarat Government has reported that the number of fair price shops is in acordance with the proportion of the population of the State.

(d) The criteria of opening fair price shops in Gujarat are—

(i) one fair price shop for a population of 5000 in urban areas of the big cities.

(ii) one fair price shop for a population of 3000 in other cities and in villages.

(iii) There should not be a distance of 5 kms from village to the shop.

STATEMENT

Number of Fair Price Shops in the State of Gujarat

1.	Ahmedabad City	434 Shops
2.	Ahmedabad District	694 Shops
3.	Kheda	1127 Shops
4.	Baroda	877 Shops
5.	Broach	500 Shops
6.	Surat	917 Shops
7.	Valsad	667 Shops
8.	Dangs	55 Shops
9.	Panchamahals	962 Shops
10.	Sabarkantha	640 Shops
11.	Banaskantha	660 Shops
12.	Mehsana	1030 Shops
13.	Amreli	446 Shops
14.	Bhavnagar	704 Shops
15.	Jamnagar	489 Shops
16.	Rajkot	781 Shops
17.	Junagtdh	835 Shops
18.	Surendrnagar	413 Shops
19.	Kutchchha	507 Shops
20.	Gandhinagar	108 Shops

Marking goods with Eco-mark

755. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAGANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a schemo for making consumer goods with Eco-market; and

(b) if so, what conditions are required to be fulfilled and what qualities are to be possessed by such items to be marked with Eco-mark?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED)

(a) Yes, Sir.